financial support for various non-conventional energy programmes to States, including Bihar. Four small hydro power projects aggregating to 2.45 MW capacity are under construction in Bihar State. Five portable micro-hydel sets of 10 KW unit capacity each are also under installation. In addition, detailed surveys and feasibility studies are in progress in regard to 56 small hydro power projects having a potential of 74 MW. Bihar State is also participating in the ongoing Hilly Hydro Project of the Ministry which is being partially supported by UNDP/GEF.

[English]

Diversification into Power Sector

1752. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Indian Oil Corporation is considering for diversification into power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has chalked out for setting up power plants;

(d) whether any location have been selected by the IOC for this purpose in Eastern Region;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation is intending to develop some power projects based on refinery residue and bottom products as a part of its diversification plan. It is planned that the projects would be developed in joint venture with suitable partners who are having expertise and experience of development of bigger projects based on heavy residue and would be able to provide equity in foreign exchange also. Some Projects are under study, but not finalised.

Removal of Slum Clusters

1753. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "HC pulls up DDA, orders removal of two slum clusters", appearing in the "Times of India" dated December 2, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the cases referred to in the News Item relates to CWP. No. 632/96 and CWP. No. 1365/96 filed by East of Kailash Residents Welfare Association and others Vs. Municipal Corporation of Delhi and others.

According to Delhi Development Authority, the issue regarding jurisdiction over the area in question has been sorted out. In CWP.No. 632/96 pursuant to the direction of the Hon'ble High Court a demolition programme was carried out by the Delhi Delhi Development Authority on 14.12.1996 and the encroachments were removed. The reclaimed land has been fenced and board indicating that the land belong to Delhi Development Authority has been erected on the site. As regards, CWP. No. 1365/96, Delhi Development Authority has reported that the Hon'ble High Court passed an order on 26.11.1996 to tag this case with another similar Writ Petition which was pending before the Hon'ble High Court. The matter is still subjudice.

[Translation]

Training Centres for Food Processing

1754. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of food processing training centres in the country particularly in Bihar; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to set up such centres in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a developmental plan scheme during the eighth plan period, which seeks to provide assistance for setting up of Food Processing & Training Centres in rural areas. The scheme is not state-specific. In the first 4 years of the eighth plan, assistance has been provided for setting up of 204 such Centres in the country including 19 in Bihar. In the country as a whole, 58 Food Processing & Training Centres including 10 in Bihar have already become functional. It may be stated that this Ministry does not set up such Centres directly and, instead, extend assistance to various organisations including voluntary organisations and non-governmental organisation for setting up of such Centres.

[English]

Oil Refinery

1755. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Numaligarh Refinery has been started;